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DEPARTMENT PASS EPA FOR FITZHUGH GREEN

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SUBJECT: FY 1974 INTERVISITOR LOUIS BLAISE

SUMMARY. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH DIRECTOR LOUIS BLAISE, DEPARTING PARIS APRIL 27 ON TWA 891, IS A DYNAMIC YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST WHO HOPES TO RUN FOR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AT THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS. WHILE HE HOPES TO WORK HARD AT HIS PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AND CONTACTS DURING HIS STAY IN THE UNITED STATES, HE SAYS HE WOULD LIKE TO DEVOTE ABOUT A THIRD OF HIS TIME TO TOURISM. BLAISE IS A PASSIONATE MOUNTAINEER AND A DEVOTED ENVIRONMENTALIST. END SUMMARY.

1. GENERAL THEMES OF INTEREST. BLAISE HOPES TO BUILD HIS PROGRAM AROUND FIVE MAJOR TOPICS: NEW CITIES, INSTALLATIONS OF FACILITIES IN NATIONAL PARKS, LANDSCAPE DESIGN, THE PROCESS OF WRITING AND ANALYZING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS, AND PLANNING FOR TOURIST

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MENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS, AND PLANNING FOR TOURIST

AREAS (BOTH IN PARKS AND THE WILDERNESS).

2. BLAISE IS A PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL FRIEND OF HUD RESEARCH PLANNER PAUL BRACE (202-655-4000), FORMER URBAN AFFAIRS ATTACHE IN PARIS. BRACE KNOWS BLAISE'S WORK INTIMATELY AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A PRIME SOURCE OF NAMES AND SPECIFIC PROGRAMS. BRACE AND BLAISE HAVE RECENTLY SPOKEN, BRACE IS AWARE OF BLAISE'S VISIT AND HAS SAID THAT HE WILL MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE BOTH TO PROGRAMMERS AND TO BLAISE.

3. NEW CITIES. BLAISE WOULD LIKE TO SPEND SOME TIME IN BOTH RESTON, VIRGINIA, AND COLUMBIA, MARYLAND AND WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH LONG-TIME RESIDENTS OF BOTH. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT PROGRAMMERS CONTACT THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTS OF THE TWO TOWNS:

MR. FRED FLAXMAN (MRS. ANNICK FLAXMAN)
FORMERLY DEPUTY MANAGER OF RESTON
NOW DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING FOR WETA-TV
11535 MAPLE RIDGE ROAD
RESTON, VA 22090 - TELEPHONE: (703) 437-4220

DR. ERNEST MURPHY, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS,
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY
5617 OAKLAND MILLS ROAD
COLUMBIA, MARYLAND - TELEPHONE: (301) 997-1166

BOTH DR. MURPHY AND MR. FLAXMAN SPEAK FLUENT FRENCH AND BOTH ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ISSUES IN THE LIFE OF THEIR TOWNS. IN ADDITION, BLAISE SHOULD BE PROGRAMMED TO SEE

DR. BERNARD LIBERMAN
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
THE COLUMBIA PROJECT ON IMPLANTATION STRESS
APT. 619
1111 PARK AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21201

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LIBERMAN SPEAKS SOME FRENCH; HE AND BLAISE HAVE ALREADY MET IN PARIS AND HAVE DISCUSSED LIBERMAN'S WORK ON TRANSFER AND IMPLANTATION STRESS IN COLUMBIA. ASSUMING THAT DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTIONS, EMBOFFS WHO KNOW FLAXMAN' MURPHY AND LIBERMAN WILL CONTACT ALL THREE TO INTRODUCE BLAISE.

4. ADDITIONAL NEW CITIES IN WHICH BLAISE IS INTERESTED

INCLUDE REDWOOD SHORE AND FOSTER CITY, CALIFORNIA
(NEAR SAN FRANCISCO) AND VALENCIA (NEAR LOS ANGELES).
PROGRAMMERS SHOULD CONSULT WITH BRACE ON SUITABILITY
OF VISITS TO THESE SITES.

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5. PROGRAMMERS SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT BLAISE IS
INTERESTED IN HUMAN-FACTORS STUDIES OF THE NEW TOWN
ENVIRONMENT. PROGRAMMERS MAY THEREFORE WISH TO SCHEDULE
BLAISE TO MEET WITH NEW TOWN MAYORS AS WELL AS
ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALISTS.

6. NATIONAL PARK FACILITIES. BLAISE IS INTERESTED IN
THE PROBLEM OF IMPLANTATION OF FACILITIES IN NATIONAL
PARKS, THE IMPACT OF SUCH FACILITIES ON THE ENVIRONMENT
AND THE PLANNING PROCESS USED TO DECIDE WHERE AND HOW
SUCH FACILITIES SHALL BE INSTALLED. WHILE HE
WILL OBVIOUSLY WANT TO BEGIN HIS RESEARCH WITH CALLS
ON EPA AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE IN WASHINGTON, HE
SHOULD ALSO BE PROGRAMMED FOR VISITS TO THE RESORT
TOWNS OF ASPEN AND STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO. BLAISE

IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN ADVISING FRANCE'S MINISTER FOR THE QUALITY OF LIFE ON A NATIONAL POLICY FOR IMPLANTING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE EAST OF FRANCE -- THAT TRANSLATES AS A DEBATE BETWEEN SKI STATIONS (THE TRADITIONAL FRENCH SOLUTION) AND SMALL VILLAGES (LIKE ASPEN). IF POSSIBLE, HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT UNCLASSIFIED

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SOME STATE PARKS.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS: BLAISE WOULD LIKE AN EXTENSIVE SET OF BRIEFINGS AS WELL AS FULL DOCUMENTATION ON GUIDELINES FOR THE WRITING AND ANALYSIS OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS. PAUL BRACE, CURRENTLY MANAGING A RESEARCH PROGRAM ON SUCH STATEMENTS, CAN BE COUNTED ON TO PROVIDE BLAISE'S PROGRAMMERS WITH THE NAMES OF CONTACTS IN THE SEVERAL WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCERNED. PROGRAMMERS SHOULD ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME IN WASHINGTON AND IN ON-SITE VISITS FOR BLAISE TO PURSUE SPECIFIC LOCAL QUESTIONS AFFECTING PREPARATION OF SUCH STATEMENTS. COMMENT: GOF WILL PRESENT A BILL TO PARLIAMENT CALLING FOR MANDATORY IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR MAJOR GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENTS. BLAISE WILL SURELY BE INVOLVED AND SHOULD THEREFORE SEE EPA AND OTHER OFFICIALS CONCERNED.

7. LANDSCAPE DESIGN: BLAISE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ANY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE CURRENTLY WORKING ON THESE PROBLEMS. IN PARTICULAR, HE WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO BEGIN HIS STUDY OF THIS QUESTION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOLS OF ARCHITECTURE (PROFESSOR IAN MCHARG AND ANNE LOUISE STRONG) AND CITY PLANNING.

8. PERSONAL PREFERENCES: BLAISE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ADEQUATE TIME TO ACTUALLY USE AN AMERICAN PARK; IF POSSIBLE HE WOULD LIKE TO CAMP IN A FACILITY AT MODERATELY HIGH ALTITUDE TO GAIN A USER'S EYE VIEW OF ONE SUCH PARK AND, IF POSSIBLE, MAKE A RELATIVELY EASY CLIMB IN THE ROCKIES. PROGRAMMERS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT BLAISE WILL NOT BE CARRYING CAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING EQUIPMENT AND SHOULD THUS SEEK A PARK CLOSE TO A TOWN WHERE EQUIPMENT CAN BE RENTED. IN ADDITION, BLAISE SHOULD BE GIVEN ADEQUATE TIME BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO TO EXPLORE THE BIG SUR AREA.

9. ITINERARY. BLAISE'S ITINERARY CAN ONLY BE SET AFTER HE AND PROGRAMMERS HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS HIS SPECIFIC INTERESTS WITH PAUL BRACE AND FITZHUGH GREEN (SEE PARA 11 BELOW). PLANNING SHOULD INCLUDE SUFFICIENT UNCLASSIFIED

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TIME IN WASHINGTON TO SEE THE VARIOUS AGENCIES HE WILL
NEED TO VISIT AND SHOULD THEN MAKE ALLOWANCES FOR VISITS
TO RESTON AND COLUMBIA. BLAISE WILL THEN WISH TO GO TO
PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK CITY (2 DAYS), POSSIBLY TO
CLEVELAND OR COLUMBUS (DEPENDING ONCE MORE ON THE
RESULTS OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH BRACE AND OTHER
WASHINGTON OFFICIALS), THE DENVER AREA AND ON TO THE
WEST COAST.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES: BLAISE SHOULD BE PROVIDED
WITH AIR TRANSPORTATION ON ONE OF THE SMALL FEEDER
LINES BETWEEN DENVER AND ASPEN AND BETWEEN ASPEN AND
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS; IN BOTH COLORADO AND CALIFORNIA HE
WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE RENTAL AUTOMOBILES IN ORDER TO
VISIT THE MANY SMALL SITES IN WHICH HE IS INTERESTED.

11. CONTACTS: BLAISE WOULD LIKE HIS WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS TO BE CHOSEN FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST: THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY - THE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION (WILLIAM REILLY), THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND (J. HELLEGER) AND RESOURCES FOR THE FUTURE. IN ADDITION, HE WOULD PROFIT FROM A

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VISIT WITH FITZHUGH GREEN, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATOR OF EPA. THIS LIST IS MEANT TO BE INDICATIVE RATHER THAN EXHAUSTIVE. BLAISE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH STUART UDALL TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE; HE ALSO WISHES TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE SIERRA CLUB.

12. TOURISM: IF POSSIBLE, BLAISE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DESCENT BY RAFT OF THE SNAKE RIVER OR THE GRAND CANYON. HE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN VISITING YOSEMITE AND GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARKS. WHERE POSSIBLE, HE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FLEXIBILITY IN HIS PROGRAM.

13. TIME CONSTRAINTS: BLAISE WOULD LIKE TO BE PROGRAMMED FOR FIVE FULL WEEKS.

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